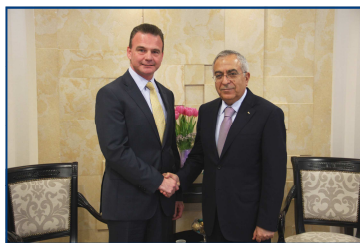


## Head of EUPOL COPPS meets PM Fayyad



Head of EUPOL COPPS Mission, Kenneth Deane, met Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad in Ramallah. PM Fayyad praised EUPOL COPPS for having provided technical and material assistance but more undoubtedly know-how to the Palestinian Civil Police and Criminal Justice Institutions, adding that these bodies have made tremendous progress in the past few years. Mr. Deane said that the Mission will continue to support Palestinian state building efforts in the areas of policing and criminal justice.



## Prosecutors hold sessions on appellate cases

Palestinian prosecutors held a number of EUPOL COPPS funded workshops in Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah for around hundred prosecutors. These workshops focused on strengthening the capabilities of prosecutors working on cases in the appellate prosecution courts, as well as those working in the district prosecution. The workshops contributed to overcome communication, legal and organizational obstacles that prosecutors from the Appellate Unit and in the districts face on daily basis.



## UK provides fire safety equipment to Palestinian Civil Police

The United Kingdom provided fire safety equipment and first aid kits to the Special Police Force (SPF) of the Palestinian Civil Police in a project facilitated by EUPOL COPPS to increase the SPF's capabilities in handling arson. The donation also included equipment for each SPF base to be used for maintenance and proper care of vehicles, thus extending their life and serviceability.



## EUPOL COPPS facilitates a ministerial study visit to the UK

The Mission facilitated a study visit to London for a Palestinian Ministerial delegation, led by Justice Minister, Ali Muhanna. The purpose of the visit was to focus on how the UK and other nations structure and deliver justice. It forms part of the "Palestinian Ministry of Justice Mentoring and Capacity Development Project" being implemented by the UK-based social development agency "Social Pioneers" with the support of EUPOL COPPS and the UK Ministry of Justice.



## Irish Minister of Justice visits EUPOL COPPS

The Minister of Justice, Equality and Defence, Alan Shatter, paid an official visit to EUPOL COPPS' Headquarters in Ramallah. EUPOL COPPS' Head of Mission, Mr Kenneth Deane briefed the Minister on the Mission's mandate and daily activities, putting a particular emphasis on the support provided to the Palestinian Civil Police and the Criminal Justice Institutions in the area of human rights, accountability and oversight.



## EUPOL COPPS marks International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day on 8 March, Kenneth Deane, EUPOL COPPS Head of Mission, said that the Mission supports several initiatives directly targeting violence against women and girls in the West Bank including the development of the Family Protection Unit (FPU), a specialized police body that fights and investigates crimes of domestic and gender based violence. The Mission also supports the promotion and integration of gender equality and women's empowerment within the Palestinian security sector.



## EUPOL COPPS organises course on cyber crimes

Senior Palestinian prosecutors and police investigators participated in a course on cyber crimes and IT forensic programme to enable them to investigate and prosecute sophisticated crimes. This specialised training, which is funded by EUPOL COPPS, aims at introducing to prosecutors and investigators the best methods to combat crimes and to collect electronic evidence from seized computers and telephones.